

THE EVENING CRITIC.  
ESTABLISHED AUGUST, 1868.

**Weather Indications.**  
For New England and Middle Atlantic States, clearing weather, winds mostly northerly, stationary or lower temperature, higher barometer.

## Sailing the Ocean Blue.

Gen. Dumont, Supervising Inspector-General, in conversation with THE CRITIC today, in response to the inquiry as to whether his present careful and stringent enactments of the laws regulating steamboat travel, and devised for the protection of passengers, would lessen the receipts of summer excursionists, said that he thought it would.

"The managers of these excursions have been overworking for years past," said the General, "and it is only the frequent disasters of the past year or two that have enabled me to exact strict enforcement of the laws relative to this subject. The trouble that I have, and every officer proceeding to us by our subordinates. They form into cliques and essay to both us and injure us by non-attendance to rules and orders. As it is now, however, the enforcement of the law to the letter, and strictly compelling the steamboat companies to act in accordance with it."

"I see it published," said THE CRITIC, "that the inspectors are only to allow steamboats on excursions to carry about three-fourths of the number of passengers that their capacity entitles them to?"

"That is incorrect," replied the General; "they are allowed to carry the total amount, but no more. There is one point of distinction, however, that many people misunderstand, and which is now settled definitely and enforced. Theoretically, steamers of the same tonnage can carry the same amount of passengers; practically, they very often cannot. The theory was acquiesced in; I propose practical business, and the inspectors enforce it. Now, a short, wide steamboat of four or five hundred tons will carry a much larger party than a longer and narrower vessel of the same tonnage. Hence, it is that to my men are to use their judgment and experience in practice when deciding the number to be permitted aboard, and not to go by figures, or tonnage, or theory."

"How about barges towed by steam-tugs?" "They are always safe when provided with preservers and sails, and the safest and slowest of all characters of marine vehicles. The only accidents that occur on them arise from too much beer and consist of punched heads."

"Of course the stringent enforcement of your rules will obviate many disasters this summer?" "I am confident that there will be fewer disasters," said the chief, as we left him, "this summer than any one preceding. The warnings of the past few years and the active lookout by the inspectors will prevent them."

## Resignation of Captain McCathran.

The regular weekly meeting of the Washington Light Guard was held last evening. After disposing of considerable routine business, Lieut. Bailey submitted a communication from Capt. Donald McCathran, the commanding officer, in which he tendered his resignation as a member of the Guard. In moving the acceptance of the resignation, Lieut. Bailey paid the highest compliment to the retiring commander as an officer and as a gentleman, and his sentiments were unanimously endorsed. It was well understood that Capt. McCathran resigned mainly on account of his being bitterly opposed to certain measures taken by his command in regard to changing the armory.

Lieut. Hodgson was temporarily placed in command by the unanimous voice of the company as lieutenant commander, and accepted the honor in a neat speech.

## A Steam Tug Labeled.

Messrs. Bray & Co., owners of the schooner Annie M. Bray, yesterday afternoon filed a libel in admiralty against the steam tug George W. Fride, J. T. Hilton master and E. L. Pettigrew owner. The ground of the libel is, it is alleged, that in December last the captain of the tug Fride made a contract to tow the schooner Annie M. Bray to Quantico through the ice, but that the ice became so thick that the tug abandoned the vessel, leaving some directions as to the harbor to be made, and promised to return; that the directions were followed, but the tug did not return, and that the ice wrecked the vessel. Twelve hundred dollars damage is claimed.

## District Government Notes.

The Commissioners have ordered the printing of 4,000 blanks for dog licenses.

A general order was issued to-day for the arrest and punishment of all hucksters doing business without a license.

Mr. P. F. Langley will improve and strengthen his frame building at Eighth street and South Carolina avenue southeast.

Charles H. Paine was granted a permit to-day for the erection of a two-story brick store on Bridge street, Georgetown, at an expense of \$400.

Inspector Entwistle issued notices to a dozen property-owners yesterday, notifying them that areas in front of their premises must be protected.

Dr. Townsend and a number of others who took a trip down the river yesterday in search of a suitable place to deposit oil, as it has become objectionable to use Rock Creek for that purpose, state to-day that no conclusion has been arrived at or selection made as yet.

A praiseworthy effort is being made by the health officers and the police to abate the nuisances about the city which are dangerous to health. A number of persons have been arrested and fined during the past week for depositing vegetable matter on open lots, keeping unclean stables, cow-yards, and for other violations of the health office regulations.

## Large Sale of Lawns and Laces at Very Low Prices for to-morrow.

A. Behrend, 707 Market Space.

## Lectures.

The deposit place for the office, &c., gathered by Contractor Draney in New York, Dr. Pearson, of this city, was appointed delegate to the International Homoeopathic Congress to assemble in London July 11. Dr. Pearson will sail from New York on the 25th instant, and will return September 26. The Doctor was also appointed a delegate from and elected president of the International Homoeopathic Association.

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## THE COMMENCEMENT SEASON.

## How Our New Reporter Took One.

"I want you," said the editor to our new reporter the other day, "to take in the Young Ladies' Institute commencement to-day."

"Where," inquired the new man, "does it commence at?"

"You can see by the morning papers," said the editor, in a vexed manner. "You ought to know something about these things by this time yourself."

"Genuine see," said the new man, "it's some sort of a lay-out where they quit school, isn't it, and have a kind of jamboree, and all the girls wear white dresses and there's a couple of cart-loads of flowers, and everybody gives everybody else taffy, and then they quit school?"

"You have a tolerably accurate idea of it," said the city editor.

"But when they quit," said the new man, putting his feet up on the tin telephone, "why do they call it a commencement?"

"Because," said the editor, "they are just beginning to go out into busy life and commencing to know what it is."

"I wish to know," returned our man timidly, "if the young ladies who are beginning to know what it is, rather, who are commencing to begin, have begun, or in other words commenced?"

"I do not understand you, sir," observed the bearded party, "go and see the janitor."

"Yes, sir; thanks," said our new man, and he went into the vestibule, surreptitiously chewing a section of pretzel. An aged party was sitting in a chair meditating. Our reporter said to him:

"Have you a catalogue about your clothes?"

"A catalogue," observed the aged person, in surprise, "a catalogue?"

"No," said the aged person.

"Did you see a programme?"

"No," said the aged person.

"If you had a brother would he see a programme?"

"Here the aged person gazed upon our reporter with a mingled expression of sorrow and made no reply."

"Do you know," continued our reporter, "whether or not there is a programme in this wide world?"

"I don't know," said the aged person.

Our new reporter then smoothed down his bangs and entered the building. There was a beautiful array of beautiful girls. His manuscript conveying his impressions of the scene reads as follows, and was chucked into the waste basket because it contained no news:

"Owing to the crowded state of the church I was compelled to lean up against the wall, and not being able to follow the remarks of the speaker, which were, I believe, to the effect that moral education was a good thing, I employed my time looking at the hats and bonnets. The scene would have delighted the eyes of a milliner. I never saw such a redoubtable collection of hats and bonnets in my life. The hats predominated in the polonaise style—but I guess I'll let Bessie Bramble write this part of it, as she knows more about the subject than I do."

The above was a small section of his report, which, as we have said, was suppressed. He then went out and tackled the aged person again. He said:

"What is it all about?"

"I don't know," said the aged person.

"Do you think I could bring any gentleman to loan me a programme?"

"You might go around to the other door," said the aged party.

"Then," said our reporter, "I went around to the other door. There were three or four young gentlemen in spike-tail coats and hats, and as in need of ties, they were taking charge of the floral offerings, which were numerous and beautiful, but the young gentlemen in the spike-tails knew nothing about the programme, and I gave them some good advice and went away."

When he arrived at the office the editor said:

"Why didn't you get some facts?"

"Couldn't," answered the new man; "they kept the facts locked up in their own bosoms."

"Who preached the sermon?"

"Don't know."

"What are the names of the graduates?"

"Didn't find out."

"How about the floral offerings?"

"Can't tell."

"Well," said the editor, "you have a very fair idea of where the business office of this paper is. Go and get your salary, and before you go away leave your reporter's card at the door."

The new man walked away whistling softly, "Empty is the Cradle, Baby's Gone," and was heard to say to himself at the head of the stairs, "That is played out; this makes the fourth time he has tried to bounce me this week, but I won't have it."

## Suit Against Gen. Thos. J. Brady.

To-day Mr. L. G. Hine, for John A. Walsh, brought suit against Thomas J. Brady for cash loaned, as follows: \$28,058 with interest on \$12,000 from July 21, 1879, to November 19, 1880, and on \$7,058 from November 19, 1880, until paid, and on \$13,000 from May 7, 1880, and on \$13,500 from April 8, 1880, and on \$5,400 from July 20, 1880.

## Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been granted to John Baker and Annie Louise Pollock; Henry Kuhlman and Auguste Berger; Friedrich Seelcke and Sophie Oelrich.

## National Hotel Arrivals.

M. Lissberger, New York; E. B. Barum, New York; H. Moritz, New York; L. Corfit, New York; H. W. Reeve, New York; W. Clarendon, New York; C. H. Tur and wife, New York; H. G. Brown, New York; E. W. Spofford, New York; E. L. Thurston, Providence; George E. Smith, Chicago; G. H. Sommer, Philadelphia; H. K. Curme, Philadelphia; F. A. Conly, Philadelphia; T. J. Harbuck, Philadelphia; Captain R. T. Wilson, Petersburg; Prof. A. T. Davis, Petersburg; Mrs. C. H. Hall, Petersburg; R. O. Edgerton, Petersburg; Rev. C. H. Nash, Petersburg; W. H. Valence, Richmond; Judge R. Ford, Maryland; H. C. Combs, Maryland; D. C. Hammett, Maryland; E. A. Hubbard, San Francisco; George Richards, Dover, N. Y.; P. J. Harris, Fort Scott, Kan.; J. S. Gilliam, Virginia; C. W. Spear, Boston; A. N. Elendrath and wife, Chicago; E. Buxbaum, Chicago.

In the Police Court to-day John A. Ridd was fined \$10 for an assault on Patrick Dornan with a cane.

Robert Johnson, an able-bodied mulatto, was arraigned in the Police Court to-day for a violent assault upon his lady love, Amelia Lancaster, and also for applying his fists to the body of Amelia's father. Jealousy was the cause, and Johnson, not satisfied with knocking down and tramping upon his darling, knocked the old man senseless. Judge Snell gave him seven months in jail.

Two ambitious young men from this city, clerks in one of the government offices, went to Alexandria yesterday, and the whiskey sold in that city disagreeing with them, grew drunk and disorderly. They were arrested, and a fine of \$5 each imposed by the mayor. Both spent their half month's salary, and the necessity intervened of their remaining in custody until they were able to communicate to friends in Washington and raise the amount required for their fun.

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## OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

## The Closing Exercises This Week—Diplomas Awarded to Meritorious Pupils.

The public schools for the current school year will close this week. To-morrow the diplomas will be awarded to the pupils in the highest grades. The distribution of diplomas will not, as heretofore, be general, but will be confined to the eighth grade. The form of the new diploma is as follows: "PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA."

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ has completed the course of study prescribed for the grammar schools and made a good record for punctuality, deportment and scholarship. J. OERMANN WILSON, Superintendent of Public Schools.

The scholars who will receive diplomas are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION—MR. H. N. COPP, SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL.

School No. 1.—Mr. W. D. Parkinson, teacher. Samuel Henry Chase, Walter Collins Clephane, William Edwin Cox, Charles Sumner Dower, Louis Leverett Hooper, William Dorrell McIlwain, Richard Whitney Moore, John Morrow, William Wallace Nairn, William Chapline Sharpe, Edward Daniel Smith, Titus Ulke, James Thomas Whittlesey, Samuel Lewis Willett, Charles Joseph Williamson.

School No. 2.—Miss L. B. Holbrook, teacher. Clara Agnes Banieri, Cora Exile Brown, Ella Maud Chase, Alice May Clayton, Hannah Agnes Conolly, Annetta Louisa Dicks, Annie Jeanette Douglas, Frank Ross Roosevelt Fletcher, Edith Rebecca Gardner, Blanche Columbia Green, Anna Ella Hall, Annie Monroe Hodgson, Margaret Elizabeth Horton, Lillian Kratz Husted, Mary Emma Keyes, Rosa E. Houston, Mary Elizabeth Mallon, Clem. Irwin Orr, Susan Elizabeth Pearson, Emily Rebecca Proctor, Gustav Richard, Florence Teresa Toomey and May Eva Whitney.

School No. 3.—M. P. White, teacher. Clarence Alexander Brandenburg, Edwin Chase Brandenburg, Wilmont Albert Carrington, George Spencer Cooper, Win. Moylan Du Val, Bishop Carlyle Foxwick, Frank Ross Stutzman, John Kelly Milligan, Irving Upson Townsend, Warder Voorhes, George William Davis, Thomas Francis Young, Edwin Gamler, Harry Rust.

School No. 4.—Miss Kate Rawlings, teacher. Frances Channing Noer, Delia Agnes Smith, Rosa Helena Knorr, Mary Alice Breen, Alice Catherine Noer, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Elizabeth, Elizabeth Copenhaver, Mary Elizabeth Hagey, Sophia Louise Batts, Angie Phillips, Mary Buddy Clabough, Lottie R. Tyson, Winona Dempster, Mary Ann Theresa Connelly, Linna Rosine Rheem, Margaret Agnes Allen, Rose Allen Gibson, Charlotte Bauman Tyson.

SECOND DIVISION—MR. S. P. GAGE, SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL.

School No. 1.—Mr. S. J. John Thompson, teacher. Chas. Edward Bright, William Joseph Dante, Anthony La Trinitte Dennison, Jas. Franklin Douglas, William Francis Elmo, Otis Bremer Goodall, David Lann Grayson, Edward Norton Little, John Macaulay, Le Roy Hartman Wilson.

School No. 2.—Miss Mary E. Rowe, teacher. Chas. Henry Anderson, John Henry Anderson, Naomi Roxana Bogan, Sarah Julia Bogan, Virginia Cooke, Estella Constance Drane, Agnes Leocadia Duffy, Alice Marion Espey, Eliza Cliff Fawcett, Mary Florence Gordon, Lillian Asenath Hughes, Annie Leonarda Koonen, Annie Junius Maudslayi, Lillian McElfresh, Elizabeth Jane McGivney, Lucy Van Scriber McGuire, Belle Carter Price, Emma Richardson, Emily Maggie Roth, Julia Hall Stickney, Catherine Virginia Wilson, Maggie Sipes Wolhaupter.

School No. 3.—Mr. J. M. Fox, teacher. William Henry Dice, Julius Eisenbeis, Goldsborough Sargent Elliott, Penn Fletcher, Glenn Burgess, Harry Gilbert Hart, Chas. Bogan Magruder, Alonzo Jay Marsh, Chas. Chancy McCormick, Lewis Morse McCormick, Albert Lee Moffatt Minor, John Everett Mitchell, Thomas Porter Reed, Edwin William Spalding, James Thompson Watson.

School No. 4.—Miss Metella King, teacher. Fanny Lee Anderson, Hattie Jane Buckley, Pauline Baun, Emma Virginia Davis, Susan Helen Griffin, Maggie Anastasia Gorman, Julia Hutton, Margaret Van Rensselaer Morgan, Jane Miller, Lizzie Morris, Alice Mailhouse, Beulah Elizabeth Parsons, Josephine Hortense Piper, Annie Lee Pumphrey, Jane Wheeler, Helen Silver, Helen Silver, Minnie Amelia Williamson.

THIRD DIVISION—MR. A. T. STEWART, SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL.

School No. 1.—J. J. Chickering, teacher. John Sayers Burton, Robert Champion, George Gulek Eaton, Edgar Triable Gaddis, Harry Hunt McKee, Samuel Winfred Shaw, William Henry Sholes, Alfred Asbury Smith, Edwin Sloan Tasker, Frederick Weatherax Tower, Philip Sherwood Welch, James Green Woodward.

School No. 2.—Mrs. E. A. Hilton, teacher. Bena Ayres, Inez Elliott, Florence Virginia Ellis, Gertrude Virginia Etchison, Carrie Isabel Isham, Emma Hanford, Mary Frances Agnes Lynch, Lizzie Perry Macneil, to be followed by Miss Jenkins.

School No. 3.—Magdeline Catherine Rock, Mary Wilson Boston, Carrie Cawood, Charlotte Dessey, Mary Rebecca Dunnington, Sarah Ellen Maginnis, Mary Elizabeth Mathis, Helen Margaret McFarland, Virginia Elizabeth Prender, Emma Elena Sueden, Elizabeth Victoria Snowdon, Annie Eugenia Schneider, Agnes Vadi Stevens, Eleanor Hawking, Thorpe, Addie Wheeler Thompson, Alma Virginia Walker, Hannah Charles Wilson, Hattie Rose White, Mary Elfre Wood.

FOURTH DIVISION—JOHN E. THOMPSON, SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL.

School No. 1.—L. Fairbrother, teacher. William S. Sayre, Moses Sanger, Charles H. Reis, John Blacklock, Charles J. Marks, George U. Rose, Jr., Evan H. Tucker, William H. Gerson, Oscar L. Johnson, Hugh McKenna, Albert E. Thomas.

School No. 2.—M. E. Martin, teacher. Madeline M. Devote, Annie M. Lomax, Annie Teresa O'Donnell, Carrie Virginia Law, Julia Hannah Cohen, Mary Margaret McCreary, Carrie Boyer, Jeannette Cohen, Fannie Campbell, Mary Cecilia Kilroy, Fannie Gertrude Hall, Emma Ballman, Emma V. McIntire, Emma V. Sparo, Marion Everett Watson, Emma Jane Nolan, Mollie V. Leslie, Annie E. Pearson, Ida Virginia Lee, Mattie R. Barron, Mary E. Vandepaere, Nancy Harriet Wood.

School No. 3.—D. A. Smith, teacher. Edgar Kidwell, Thomas James Vansant, Joseph Grafton Gurley, Dennis Kane, Henry Clay Stronman, John Maxwell Lantom.

THE AMIDON MEDAL. The Amidon medal, which is annually awarded to the pupil in the Girls' class of the Eighth Grade in the Fourth School Division who shall be adjudged by the competent votes of her teacher and her schoolmates to be most distinguished for "amiability and scholarship," was this year secured by Miss Marie Madeleine De Vole.

## English Serge Pants \$4.50.

blue and black. George Spransy 507, Seventh street northwest.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has passed a law making it a penal offense to sell explosives to persons under 16 years of age.

## ACADEMY OF VISITATION.

## Thirteenth Annual Distribution of Premiums.

The thirteenth annual distribution of premiums at the Academy of the Visitation, "Society of the Holy Family," between L and J, Sales streets, took place this day at 10 a. m.

It was numerously attended, the spacious hall being filled with a bright and joyous throng of well-dressed people—ladies preponderating of course. Among the distinguished gentlemen present were Gen. Sherman, Col. Elliot, Engineer Corne, U. S. A.; Fathers C. K. Jenkins, Oland, of St. Matthew's; Ryan, Immaculate Conception; Lancaster, of Leonardtown; Maynard, of Tennytown; Casey, of Gonzaga College; McDarrill, of New York, and Tobias, of St. John's. The programme was as follows:

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Grand March, Schubert, Misses Alice LeJoy, Elise Stellwagen, Mary Merritt and Kate Jones; Salutatory, Miss Elizabeth Leonard; Chorus from Casilda, W. C. Bassford; Piano, Miss M. Merritt, sung by the Grand Jury, Don Juan, L. and J. Sales streets, took place this day at 10 a. m.

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